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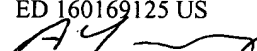
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The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language reference (EP 0976 371 A1) is found in the translation of the abstract of the reference. See MPEP §609 A(3).

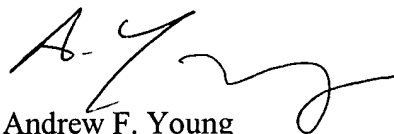
Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the enclosed reference materials in the examination of this application.

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It is therefore believed that the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by such references.

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